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BASEBALL FORECAST.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

New York.

(By The Associated Press.)

The New York Nationals enter the 1918 pennant race with excellent prospects of being in the forefront of the flag struggle from the opening of the season. Failure to repeat the feat of winning the championship of the senior league again would be due not so much to loss of playing strength as the greater opposition offered by other clubs which have built up weak departments since the close of the 1917 campaign.

Several of the best of the Giants' squad of a year ago will be missing due to defections, trades and the possible operation of the draft, but by deals and other methods of skillful recruiting Manager McGraw will be able to fill any breaks in his lineup and expects to enter the pennant race with a combination fully as strong as that which won its way into the world's series last autumn.

Charley (Buck) Herzog will be missing a second base, having been traded to the Boston Nationals, and Harry Doyle, formerly a member of the New York and later of the Chicago Cubs, will again lead the way for the Giants. Dave Robertson has apparently made up his mind not to play with the team this season, which is a serious loss to the club. The introduction of Ross Young, one of the "finds" of recent years, in the team outfield. Should Benny Kauff be called to service early in the baseball campaign, however, the Giants' outfield will not be equal to that of last summer.

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quartette, it is likely to work with greater harmony.

Any weakness which may develop in these two departments is likely to be more than counterbalanced by the strength of the pitching staff.

Manager McGraw has a high class group of twirlers in Salles, Schupp and Benton, all left handers of tried merit; Perritt, Treadwell, Anderson, Demaree and Barnes, secured from the Boston Braves, right handers, in addition to several promising youngsters. McCarty and Rariden will be called upon to do the majority of the catching and unless injured should stand up under the strain of receiving as well as the demands of the equid to hold their own as reserve catcher.

If Kauff is able to play out the season with the Giants, the chief point of weakness visible at this time is the lack of utility infielders, but this is likely to be corrected at any time, for McGraw, if he decides that the young recruits of the equid do not hold forth sufficient promise, is likely to arrange a trade whereby any defect in this direction will be overcome.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Chicago.

The Chicago Americans will stand pat with the team which won the world's championship from the New York Nationals last season. President Charles A. Comiskey and his manager, Clarence Rowland, feel confident that the team which won baseball's highest honors last season has the class to repeat this year.

In speaking of the club, Manager Rowland said:

"I am perfectly satisfied with our team and am ready to start where we left off. Of course, I make no predictions, but whatever club beats us will play a lot of high class ball."

All the regulars looked in shape to start two weeks before the season opened, although the training trip to Mineral Wells, Tex., was the most abbreviated the club has ever taken.

The weakest spot on the club is the

pitching department. It was the same worry Rowland experienced last year. The White Sox laid claim to only two men who were able to go the full nine innings on the mound. These were Cicotte and Faber. Williams and Danforth, southpaws, were a 30-50 pair whose team work in relieving each other also helped the Chicago club. Danforth also was a first class finisher for some of the other twirlers. These two pitchers are expected to "go the route" this season, and if they can fulfill Rowland's expectations the pennant chances of the White Sox are exceedingly bright.

James Scott did not do much for the club last season and left to join the army, in which he has been commissioned a captain. Melvin Wolfgram, who spent most of his time last year pitching to batters-in practice, is anxious to break into the game as a regular pitcher and may come up to expectations.

"Red" Russell, whose crooked arm prevented him from giving his best efforts to his club, did not report this spring, because he did not approve his contract.

Shellenbach, a recruit pitcher from the Milwaukee club of the American association, is making his second attempt to break in with the White Sox. He is 29 years old, a right hander, 6 feet 1 inch tall, and weighs 175 pounds.

Paul Musser, drafted from the Des Moines club in the Western league, is counted as a good prospect. Musser came to the White Sox highly recommended. He won 23 games and lost 18 last season, which stamps him as an "iron man," who can do considerable work. Musser is 27 years old, 5 feet 1 inch tall, weighs 180 pounds, and is a right hander.

Two other recruits, Robertson from the Texas league, and Corey, a Chicago semi-professional, also are candidates for regular berths on the pitching staff. Both are right handers. The latter suffered a broken ankle at the training camp and was sent to Chicago two weeks ago.

Schalk is expected to do the bulk of the catching again. He will have Byrd Lynn as assistant. Two other rookies, George Lees from Bethlehem, Pa., and Harry Lake from Newport News, Va., were taken on the training trip for trial, but may have to be farmed out after the season opens.

Gandil will take care of first base; Eddie Collins will guard the keystone sack; Weaver will be at short, and McMillin at third base. Ted Jordan and Rieberg will play utility roles on the infield. Three recruit infielders accompanied Rowland's club to the training camp, but it is doubtful if any of them will displace the regulars. They are Henry of Winston-Salem and Hargrove and McClelland of the Western league.

The regular outfielders—John Collins, Oscar Felsch, Eddie Murphy, Harry Leibold and Joe Jackson—probably will line up the same as last season. However, two recruits have been trying to win a place from one of the veterans. They are Bruno Hans and R. Eldred, both of Newark. A new trainer has been signed by President Comiskey in the person of Harry Stephenson, formerly of the Union League club of Chicago. The signing of Stephenson was said to be a move in the interest of harmony on the club, it having been said that several of the players on the team did not approve of Buckner, the colored trainer, who had been with the club for years.

BASEBALL.

GAMES TODAY.

American League.

Philadelphia at Boston.

New York at Washington.

GROVER CLEVELAND ALEXANDER CAUGHT IN DRAFT.

Recently Acquired Cub Pitcher Must Work Against Kaiser This Summer.

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TYRUS THE GREAT.

Georgia Peach is Most Valuable Man in His Team in the Big Leagues.

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